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SUBJ: COMMENTS BY GOI OFFICIAL ON BEGIN AND NEGOTIATIONS

1. AT INFORMAL SOCIAL FUNCTION IN JERUSALEM JUNE 24, ATTENDED BY CONGEN OFFICER, SEVERAL FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS BASED IN ISRAEL CORNERED GOI ASSISTANT MFA SPOKESMAN BEEN ABILEAH AND PRESSED HIM WITH QUESTION REGARDING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BEGIN AND DAYAN AND FUTURE OF MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATING PROCESS IN BEGIN ERA.

2. ABILEAH, STRESSING NON-ATTRIBUTION GROUND RULE, OPINED THAT ALTHOUGH BOTH BEGIN AND DAYAN ARE ESSENTIALLY "LONERS" AND STRONG-MINDED, HE SAW NO POTENTIAL FOR EARLY CONFLICT BETWEEN TWO ON POLICY GROUNDS AND THEREFORE NO REASON FOR DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING ALONG WITH EACH OTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN FOREIGN POLICY FIELD "FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE." IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATING PROCESS, ABILEAH WAS ASKED WHAT HAPPENED TO ALIGNMENT POLICY OF WILLINGNESS TO CONCEDE TERRITORIES FOR PEACE? AFTER SEVERAL GO-AROUNDS ON SUBJECT, ABILEAH STATED THAT DEMOCRATIC ELECTION IN ISRAEL HAD CHANGED GOI POLICY TO SOMETHING

CLOSER TO ISRAEL WANTING BOTH PEACE AND TERRITORIES, OR AT LEAST THE WEST BANK.
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